FORCE PROTECTION CONDITION

- Force Protection Condition (FPCON) is a graduated system of protective measures to be executed as the threat of enemy activity changes.
- The uniform posture and arming stance are working partners with the FPCON system.

FPCONs

NORMAL	**Applies when there is no discernible terrorist activity. Under these conditions, only a routine security posture, designed to defeat the routine criminal threat is required. The minimum FPCON for the U.S. Army Commander is NORMAL.**
ALPHA	**Applies when there is a general threat of possible threat activity against personnel and/or installations, the nature and extent of which is unpredictable, and circumstances do not justify full implementation of FPCON BRAVO measures. Commands must be capable of maintaining FPCON ALPHA measures for extended periods, with only limited impact on normal operations.**
BRAVO	**Applies when an increased or more predictable threat exists. Commanders must be capable of maintaining the measures of FPCON BRAVO for several weeks without causing undue hardship to personnel, substantially affecting operational activities, or aggravating relations with local authorities and members of the local civilian or host nation community.**
CHARLIE	**Applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating imminent terrorist action. Implementation of FPCON CHARLIE measures for more than a short period probably will create hardships for personnel and affect the peacetime activities of units and personnel.**
DELTA	**Applies when a terrorist attack has occurred, or intelligence indicates likely terrorist action against a specific location. Normally declared as a localized warning and requires implementation of mandatory security measures. Commanders are authorized and encouraged to supplement these measures. Implementation of FPCON DELTA cannot be sustained by commands for extended periods without causing significant hardships for personnel and affect the peacetime activities of units and personnel. It may be necessary to implement certain measures from higher FPCON levels resulting from intelligence received or as a deterrent. At FPCON ALPHA through CHARLIE, commanders will implement selected measures from higher FPCONS as a part of RAMP. At any FPCON, commanders may implement any measure they deem appropriate from any higher FPCON. An AT plan, with a complete listing of site specific AT security measures linked to a FPCON, will be classified at a minimum as CONFIDENTIAL. When separated from the AT plan, site-specific AT security measures and FPCONs should be handled as For Official Use Only (FOUO).**

UNIFORM POSTURE

ONE	HELMET AND BODY ARMOR NOT REQUIRED
TWO	HELMET AND BODY ARMOR READILY AVAILABLE WHEN OUTSIDE COMPOUND
THREE	HELMET AND BODY ARMOR WORN WHEN OUTSIDE COMPOUND
FOUR	HELMET AND BODY ARMOR WORN WHEN OUTSIDE HARD BUILDINGS
FIVE	HELMET AND BODY ARMOR WORN AT ALL TIMES

ARMING STANCE

GREEN	WEAPON UNLOADED MAGAZINE READY
AMBER	MAGAZINE IN WEAPON
RED	MAGAZINE IN WEAPON ROUND CHAMBERED